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For : EXHAUST GAS PROCESSING DEVICE, AND METHOD OF  
USING THE SAME

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of June 26, 2008, to which a three-month shortened statutory period for response has been set to expire on September 26, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

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